

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 2nd 2004

EI Counties Contest

Participants in the Counties Contest, which took place on Easter Monday last, should note that the closing date for receipt of logs is Wednesday the 5th of May.

Logs must be emailed or postmarked by this date, late entries will not be accepted. Please remember to state clearly the category that you are entering and include a brief summary of the equipment used.

Logs should be emailed to contests@irts.ie. Paper logs should be sent directly to the Contest Manager - Noel Walsh EI2JC at QTHR.

All logs received by email will be acknowledged. Postal entrants requiring acknowledgement should include a stamped addressed envelope.

Slievenamon Perpetual Trophy

Slight changes to the conditions of this competition have occurred in that the period of this competition has changed from every Sunday in the month of July to cover the entire month of July without exception. It is hoped that this will encourage usage and activity in general on the 70-cm band. For more information on this or other Tipperary Amateur Radio Group activities, visit www.ei7trg.org

Women's Mini Marathon

On Monday the 7th of June EI2BY will be doing emergency radio coverage of the Women's Mini Marathon. This year, IRTS president Sean Donelan will be involved in the radio communications for the event. If you want to take part in this special event licensed by ComReg as EI2WMM, please contact George Adjaye EI2CPB on 4908546 or 0862586103 or e-mail adjayeg@dcu.ie with your name, callsign and contact number.

South Dublin Radio Club

At a recent meeting of South Dublin Radio Club, Paul O'Kane EI5DI made a

presentation on his participation in the DXpedition to Rodrigues Island in the Indian Ocean. Paul was able to give a first-hand account of the expedition, including the equipment used and operating procedures. His presentation was illustrated with slides of the island, the antennas and the operators. Paul finished the presentation with tips for would-be DXers.

Next Tuesday, the 4th of May there takes place an important meeting for South Dublin Radio Club members. As previously announced, the committee will be proposing the adoption of a new constitution. The draft constitution was discussed at a recent meeting and as a result, a number of changes were made. The revised draft can be downloaded from the club web site www.qsl.net/ei2sdr/

EuRadio

10 stations are active in EI over the weekend from the twinned towns. Details of the Award available for working EI25 Stations may be found on the IRTS website www.irts.ie

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

Just a reminder that the first Tuesday of every month has been designated for 4-metre activity net from Cork and south Tipperary. Currently on test is a 4 metre simplexer on 70.350 MHz.

TARG meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 20:00 at Raheen House in Clonmel, call-in on S18. Contact club secretary John EI7IG at 086-8167310 for directions.

Activation of Inishtrahull lighthouse

Daniel EI9FHB is working at Inishtrahull lighthouse off the coast of Donegal since Saturday last and will be on the lighthouse until the end of the week. Subject to work requirements he should be active on HF in the evenings after 8 p.m. mainly on the worked all Ireland frequencies.

Operating using voice only and using the callsign EJ9FHB this rare island now uninhabited will be active for this short period only.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next committee meeting of the group will take place this coming Wednesday at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Sports and Social Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

Amateur Radio on Teletext

Thanks to Dan - S50U, Joze - S52JK and the Cerknò Amateur Radio Club - S50E, RTV Slovenija features Teletext page 726 (with four sub-pages) devoted to Amateur Radio including spots from S50CLX DXCluster running DXSpider software, SK3BG's Contest Calendar, 425DXN's DX calendar and recent information. RTV Slovenija can be found on Eutelsat HotBird (12.303 GHz, Pol. V, SR 27500, FEC 3/4).

RTV Slovenija's web page at teletekst.rtvsl.si and S50CLX DXCluster can be reached via the Web at bonaparte.infrax.si:41115/cgi-bin/spider.cgi Upcoming Events The 70 MHz RSGB CW Contest will take place between 09:00-12:00 UTC on the 9th of May next and the 432 MHz UK Activity Contest will take place between 20:00 and 22:30 hours local time on the 11th of May.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted by phone or text on 087-6302026 or news can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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